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Project Proposal Memorandum

TO : Project Review Committee, Geographic Area
FROM: Chief, Geography Division

Date: 21 January 1953

1. Subject of Proposed Project: Area Study of Chinese Provinces. Project Number 1128

2. Statement of Project:

a. Problem: To prepare a regional study and geographic analysis of the following four provinces of China:

Kansu — Tsinghai
Sikang — Northwestern Szechuan

b. Scope: Project is to be general in nature and may be compiled primarily from overt information. The study will include text, tables, maps, and possibly photo-interpretative materials. The report will include appropriate treatment of the following types of information: terrain; climate, religious and ethnic groups and their relationships; transportations and communications; food, clothing, etc.; brief history of the areas.

c. Outline: The detailed outline will be worked out in cooperation with the requester and related to their objectives for the study.

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3. Need for Project: [redacted] Memorandum dated 7 January 1953 from RQM/OIS to AD/RR, Subject: Area Study of Chinese Provinces.

4. Responsible Branch: Far East Branch

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Responsible Analyst: [redacted]

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5. Cooperation Desired from other Divisions of ORR:

Examination of files in the following components of ORR:

a. D/S
(1) S/Tr
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b. D/M
c. D/I
d. All components of the Geographic Area

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6. Estimated Man-Hours Required to Complete Project:

Producing Division: 700 Cooperating ORR Divisions: 400 ? D/GC ?

Total: 1100

7. Graphics or Maps: Maps to show terrain, communications, ethnic groups, etc.

8. Cooperation Desired from Other CIA Offices and other Agencies:

Minimum cooperation required for the examination of available materials held by ESID of Army Map Service, Signal Corps, Bureau of Mines, Agriculture, etc.;

9. Other Special Sources and Facilities to be Exploited:

Pertinent information held by the Far East Command.

10. External Research to be Required: None

11. Probable Completion Date: Completion date to be determined later (see item 14).

12. Probable Form of Final Publication: CIA/RR-G-

13. Special Recommendations Regarding Distribution of Finished Report:

RQM/OIS request for four copies is noted.

14. Comments: Deadline to be established at conference with the requester after initial research has been completed and detailed outline prepared.

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